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57547-0424REMARKS

The present amendment is being made pursuant to the telephone interview with the Examiner on September 27, 2004, and is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, as agreed.

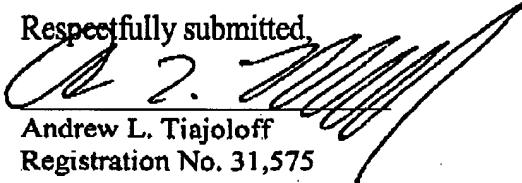
Claim 1 has been amended as discussed to clarify the expressed invention.

Claim 34 and its depending claims have been amended as agreed to avoid the restriction/election issue expressed in the last Office Action, and also to correct some syntactical problems (e.g., duplicate claims 43 and 44), and to clarify the language of various dependent features.

Formal allowance is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone attorney for applicants at 212-490-3285.

Respectfully submitted,



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